

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The student-athlete represents a role model worthy of emulation by America's youth; and,

WHEREAS, The past athletic successes of many of America's business, governmental and educational leaders dispell the myth that successful athletes are one-dimensional; and,

WHEREAS, Such worthy values and behaviors as perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, commitment to a goal, and a belief in racial equality are fostered and promoted by both academic and athletic pursuits; and,

WHEREAS, In spite of all the positive aspects of sport, overemphasis on sport at the expense of education can cause serious harm to an athlete's future after sport; and,

WHEREAS, The pursuit of victory in athletics among our nation's schools and colleges can lead to exploitation and abuse of the student-athlete; and,

WHEREAS, Less than 1 in 100 high school athletes play Division I college sports; and,

WHEREAS, College student-athletes in general graduate at the same rate as other students, less than 30 percent of scholarship athletes in revenue-producing sports ever graduate; and,

WHEREAS, Only 1 in 10,000 high school student-athletes who dream of a career in professional sports ever realize that aspiration, and even those who do can expect a professional career of less than four years; and,

WHEREAS, Thousands of America's youth sacrifice academic achievement to the dream of professional athletes; and,

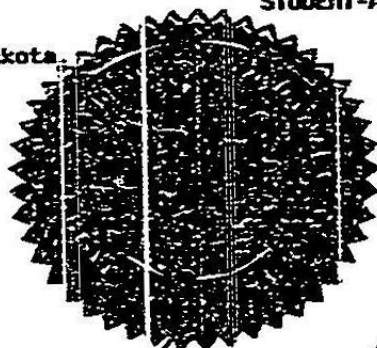
WHEREAS, Coaches, parents and educators of student-athletes must express high expectations for academic performance as well as for athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, There is a need in this nation to re-emphasize the "student" in the term "student" in the term "student-athlete:"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 6, 1990, as

STUDENT-ATHLETE DAY

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE